**American Government**

**Study Guide – Ch. 1 and 2**

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***Terms to Know:***

***autocracy***

***citizen***

***confederation***

***executive power***

***legislative power***

***judicial power***

***free enterprise system***

***majority rule***

***oligarchy***

***presidential government***

***Federalists***

***Anti-Federalists***

***Articles of Confederation***

***confederation***

***delegate***

***due process***

***Framers***

***ratification***

***representative government***

***Virginia Plan***

***New Jersey Plan***

***Connecticut Compromise***

***Main Ideas:***

1. ***What is the process by which a society decides how power and resources will be distributed?***
2. ***Understand the meaning of sovereignty.***
3. ***Be able to characterize the 4 theories on the evolution of government.***
4. ***What are the 4 characteristics of the state***
5. ***Know the preamble of the Constitution – and what the phrases mean.***
6. ***Know the different ways that we may classify governments.***
7. ***Be able to compare a parliamentary government and a presidential government.***
8. ***Be able to characterize the different types of colonies***
9. ***Why did colonists believe so strongly in self-government?***
10. ***Why did the First and Second Continental Congresses have different outcomes?***
11. ***According to the Declaration of Independence, what is the only legitimate basis for a government’s powers?***
12. ***What were the common features of most State constitutions?***
13. ***Why did the Articles of Confederation fail?***
14. ***Why did people believe the Articles must be revised?***
15. ***What event marked the official inauguration of the new government under the Constitution?***

***Essay:***

***There will be an essay opportunity on the test. You may choose between the prompts I will give from chapter one or chapter two.***

***\*\*\*\*Study the videos used during Topic 1 and Topic 2.***